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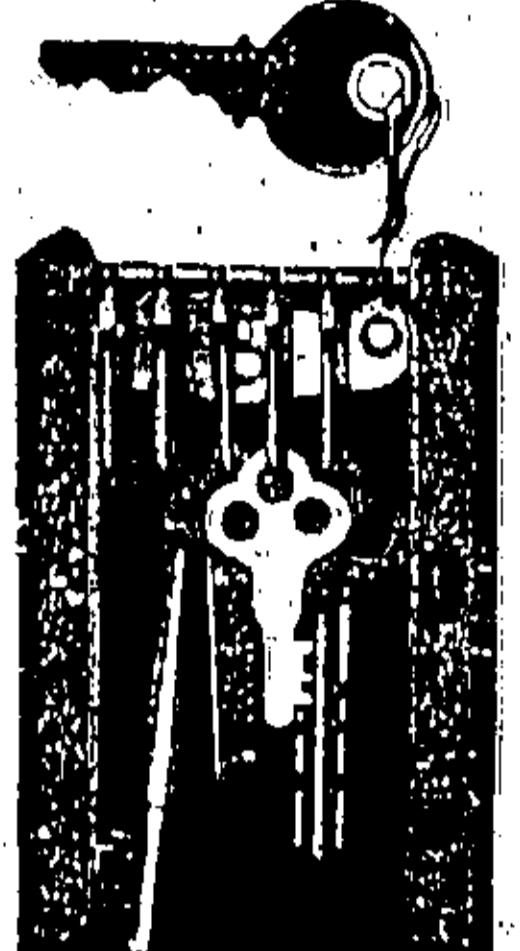
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## CHINA LOANS. That House of Commons Query.

### GOVERNMENT EXPLANATION.

#### Britain And The Maritime Customs.

London, Dec. 11. In view of the surprise expressed in Peking regarding the Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Locker Lampson's statement in the House of Commons on December 8 relating to the security of British loans to China, the following is the text of the question and answer.

Mr. W. Foot Mitchell (Conservative) asked for the total amount of British capital loaned to China, and secured on the Chinese revenues administered by the Imperial Maritime Customs; whether there is a safeguard for payment in most cases other than the Maritime Customs, and whether in view of the proposed attempt to expel foreigners the Foreign Secretary could make any statement on British policy regarding this issue.

Mr. Locker Lampson said: "The outstanding amount of that portion of three Chinese Government loans is secured on the revenues of the Maritime Customs which was floated in London approximates £14,500,000.

"The total British holdings of all such loans of whatever issue are impossible to determine, but can be estimated at £20,000.

"Under present conditions there is no other source from which payment could be made except the Customs revenues.

"His Majesty's Government have every desire to see the maintenance intact of the Maritime Customs administration whose excellent services to the Chinese nation as a whole they believe are fully appreciated in China."—Reuter.

### CHINA'S SECURITIES.

#### Surprise in London.

Peking, Dec. 10.

Mr. Locker Lampson's statement in the House of Commons that the Customs revenue was the only source wherein British capital loaned to China was secured, caused considerable surprise in financial circles where it is pointed out that the Anglo-French and Crisp loans are entirely secured on salt, and Hukuang half on salt, while the 1913 reorganisation loan is theoretically also secured on salt though met from the customs revenue in recent years.—Reuter.

Mr. Lampson Meets Canton Leaders.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Although London is without official confirmation, Press telegrams report that Mr. Miles Lampson, the new British Minister to China, has reached Hankow, and has had informal conversation with some of the Canton officials.

Mr. Lampson's visit to Hankow was primarily undertaken to investigate the situation in the Yangtze Valley, and he has discussed local conditions with British Consular officers stationed at Kiukiang and elsewhere.

The newspapers report that Mr. Saburi, who was the Japanese delegate at the recent extraterritorial conference, is also in Hankow, and is in close contact with Mr. Lampson.

Conditions in Hankow are reported practically normal, the Cantonese authorities having checked the extremist-labour elements.—British Wireless Service.

Chang Yi's Troops.

Foochow, Dec. 10.

General Chang Yi's troops surrendered to the Cantonese last night, the main condition being their incorporation in the Cantonese Army.—Reuter.

### \$3,250 FOR AUSTEN.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

It is stated, though unofficially, that the value of Peace Prize for 1925 is £3,250, in which case Sir Austen Chamberlain would receive £3,250, and General Charles Daves a similar sum.—British Wireless Service.

## FORGED NOTES?

### IMPORTANT YAUMATI RAID.

#### AN INSPECTOR'S COUP.

Amounting in face value to a fairly large sum of money, a quantity of Indo-China banknotes has been seized by the Criminal Investigation Department in Yau-mati leading, it is thought, to clues which will result in important discoveries.

Counterfeitors of paper money, especially of currencies of neighbouring countries, have been sending a small portion of their products to Hong Kong in the

last night, Det. Sub-Inspector C. P. Fallon raided a house in Reclamation Street and found about a dozen or more of 100 taubre notes, alleged to be spurious.

It is noteworthy that Inspector Fallon has only been recently transferred to Yau-mati on the retirement of Inspector W. Finch.

Owing to extensive trade connections and the number of emigrants passing to and fro, there is a fair amount of Indo-China money in Hong Kong.

No other incriminating material was found, but it is believed that the Police are on the tracks of several "wanted" persons.

### \$16,000 HAUL.

### OPIUM FOUND ON COAST STEAMER.

#### LUCHOW" MEN ARRESTED.

As a result of a search carried out yesterday by a party of revenue officers under the direction of Revenue Officer Ward, a large quantity of opium was discovered at the back of one of the boilers on board the s.s. "Luchow" (China Navigation Company) after the arrival of the steamer from Shanghai and Amoy. The seizure was made at 6.30 p.m.

The haul comprises 2,170 taels of raw opium (value \$6,510) and 800 taels of prepared opium (value \$9,600).

Three firemen have been arrested and it is understood that in the event of conviction the Police will press for a heavy fine.

According to the scale on which fines are made in opium cases, defendants, if found guilty, would be liable to one of \$16,100.

The men in question are to be charged later in the morning before Major C. Willson.

Later.

All three men were found guilty by the Magistrate. In view of the large amount involved, sentence was deferred till Monday.

### ABOVE REPROACH.

### GERMAN TREATY WITH ITALY.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Regarding the Geneva report that Italy and Germany have drafted the terms of a treaty of arbitration and conciliation which is now ready for signature, it is understood in London that the measure comes within the framework of the Locarno agreements and is quite unexceptional.

The "Times" says: "The new treaty differs in no essential respect from those Germany has already signed with Poland, Ethiopia, Switzerland and other countries."—British Wireless Service.

### CANTON BANK STRIKE.

Concern is felt in Hong Kong at the developments following the strike of (and resumption of work by) bank clerks in Canton.

Of the nine establishments, two are branches of Hong Kong institutions (the Bank of Canton, Ltd., and the Bank of East Asia).

Although the Arbitration Board has secured the return to duty of the clerks, the bankers are still reluctant to discuss the men's demands on the ground that some of those insist on interference with the management, etc.

On the other hand it is felt that the question of salaries is of little consequence, but the bankers are adamant in adhering to their claim of unrestricted control over their own business.

## HANKOW QUIET.

### Mr. Eugene Chen Meets Mr. Lampson.

#### SOCONY PLANT STRIKE.

A Clash With Yang Sen  
Avoided.

Shanghai, Dec. 11.

A message from Peking states that Gen. Yang Sen is reported to have endeavoured to commandeer British and American vessels to convey his troops and the presence of gold-cuff links, a white sweater and set of dress studs and links, the property of Mr. J. C. Thomson, of the Hong Kong Electric Company, Ltd.

Mr. Thomson's was the only room entered. The burglars must have gone about their work with "cat-like" tread for the occupant reports that he was undisturbed throughout the night.

The police were informed this morning and detectives who carried out a search found the links comprised in the dress-shirt set on the roof of the adjoining building, the burglars evidently been disturbed or dropped the links and been unable to locate them.

### BIG FIVE MEET.

### LOCARNO PACT MATTERS DISCUSSED.

#### "SATISFACTORY PROGRESS."

Geneva, Dec. 10.

"Satisfactory progress on the whole" was officially reported at the conclusion of the conference of the "Big Five," namely the representatives of the Locarno Powers privately discussing the amelioration of the inter-allied military control of Germany, the evacuation of the Rhineland and other matters arising out of the Locarno Pact.

The conference was extended to-day by the inclusion of Baron Ishii, of Japan. The conference adjourned pending a meeting of the Council of Ambassadors in the afternoon.—Reuter.

#### Charge Against Britain.

Berlin, Dec. 10.

The disarmament of fortresses in East Germany and the export of war material are outstanding points requiring adjustment in the Big Five's discussions at Geneva.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

After an animated debate, the House of Commons passed the third reading of the Judicial Proceedings Bill, the object of which is to prevent the publication of certain matters in connection with divorce cases which might be injurious to public morals.

The bill provides that in proceedings for divorce, nullity of marriage or judicial separation nothing shall be published except the names and addresses of parties, the grounds on which the proceedings are brought and resisted, submissions in points of law on the judge's summing up, the jury's findings and the judgment.—British Wireless Service.

#### Animated Debate.

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Experts' Report.

Paris, Dec. 10.

The question of the withdrawal of the Allied military control from Germany was not advanced as a result of the conference of ambassadors. The meeting learned that the Allied military experts were unanimous in their opinion that Germany's disarmament was in nowise complete. The ambassadors decided to send a full report to the Foreign Ministers at Geneva. The experts declared that German von Puelow's explanations regarding the crucial points of the Eastern fortifications and traffic in war material was unsatisfactory. The next move lies with the Foreign Ministers.

Rugby, Dec. 10.

Senatore Marconi believes that during the next quarter of a century, developments in the means of obtaining directional wireless transmission and reception will probably be as great as the advances made in other directions since trans-Atlantic wireless communication was established 25 years ago.

In an interview to-day, he emphasised the advantageous position of modern investigators compared with that of the pioneers who were without valves, amplifiers, super-sensitive heterodyne sets, directional transmitters and receivers and the means of making continuous waves.

Apart from ordinary transmission and reception of wireless messages, there was a possibility that transmission of power over moderate distances might be developed in the near future, and that television would become an actuality.—British Wireless Service.

#### WEATHER FORECAST.

Tokyo, Dec. 10.

In deference to the Emperor's illness, which has definitely developed into pneumonia, the municipal tramwaymen held an urgent conference, at which it was decided to cancel the strike which they declared on Thursday night, conditionally on the authorities discharging some of their demands.

Principally, the men insisted on

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NOTIFICATION.

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KOTSU MARU ..... Thursday, 16th Dec., 8 a.m.

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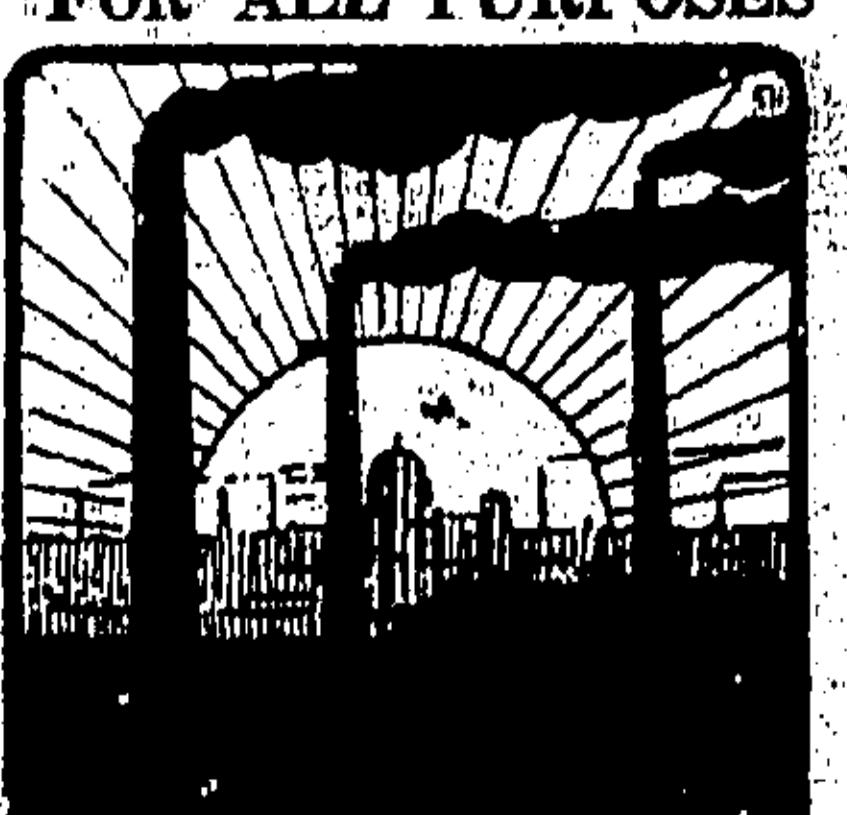
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## PIRACY EVIL.

CANTON DECIDES ON A CAMPAIGN.

## SPECIAL DISTRICTS.

General Li Tai-sun, the senior military commander in Canton, has decided on a campaign against pirates and bandits, to be carried out in three stages.

The first stage will be directed at certain notorious districts in the river delta, viz., Sam Kok Chow, (Pearl River), Nam Ho, Pun Yu, Shun Tak, Hsiung Shan, Sun Ning, Ngung Ko Tsui ("Parrot's Beak" Junction), Chu Tau Shan (Pig's Head Hills), &amp;c.

The 13th division, already famed for exploits against outlaws, will undertake the work with the 20th division.

The campaign will be intensified in the second and third stages.

## ARMS TRAFFIC.

"BENGLOE'S" PAINTER JAILED.

For possession of 3 revolvers and 200 rounds of ammunition, Man Pui, a painter on the s.s. "Bengloe" was yesterday sentenced by Mr. J. H. B. Nihill to two years' hard labour.

Mr. F. G. Vaux (defending) pleaded "guilty" and asked for leniency as, it was alleged that defendant had been forced to carry the arms for the No. 1 seaman. Defendant had only made one trip to Europe and could not have been implicated before in the smuggling "game," submitted Mr. Vaux.

For the Police it was stated that defendant was arrested when boarding a bus in Kowloon, after landing from the "Star" ferry, and a serious view was taken.

## PASSENGER LIST.

## ARRIVAL.

Among the first class passengers who arrived in Hong Kong on the "President McKinley" on Dec. 9 were:—

Mr. and Mrs. J. de Acuna, Mr. H. C. Pullen, Mr. J. J. Strahle, Mr. Ma Ying-piu, Mrs. A. A. Alves, Miss A. Alves, Mr. L. W. Kennedy, Mr. J. A. Hyndman, Mr. F. Schuenheimer, Mr. A. F. Allerman, Mr. J. W. Hack, Mr. Wm. H. Young, Miss A. Fitzgerald, Mr. G. Schmid, Mr. A. N. Spencer, Mr. F. S. Hays, Miss S. Roza, Miss M. Ryder, Mr. H. D. Talbot and Mr. S. M. Finn.

Passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Australian Ports on the s.s. "Changte" on Dec. 10 included:—

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anthony, Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Roxburgh, Mrs. J. Teykesbury, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Stanton, Mr. and Mrs. W. Glendinning, Mr. and Mrs. S. T. Williamson, Mrs. H. Johnson, Rev. L. Mulany, Mr. J. Howard, Mr. A. Singla, Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. E. A. Williams, Mr. W. Dovman, Miss G. Herbert and Mr. J. Kany.

## FAR EAST HEALTH.

The health bulletin of Eastern ports for the week ended, December 4 is:—Plague: 3 cases at Mauritius, 1 at Alexandra, 1 at Bombay, 1 at Rangoon.

Cholera: 31 cases at Calcutta, 2 at Rangoon, 1 at Tukorin, 2 at Singapore, 15 at Haiphong, 5 at Tounane, 1 at Bangkok.

Small-pox: 2 cases at Bombay, 45 at Calcutta, 3 at Madras, 1 at Rangoon, 1 at Tukorin, 1 at Vizagapatam, 5 at Bangkok.

## 4 LINERS IN PORT.

Four big liners were in port yesterday, these being the "Malwa" from Singapore, the "Macedonia" from Shanghai, the "President McKinley" from Shanghai and the "Changte" from Australia.

The P. &amp; O. s.s. "Taklwa" left Singapore for this port on Dec. 8, and is due here on Dec. 13, at about 7 a.m.

The C.P.S., R.M.S. "Empress of Canada" left Vancouver for Hong Kong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on December 4, and is due here on December 23.

Prata, Cape Verde, Dec. 10. Captain Barros, the Brazilian airman, who started out to attempt to fly across the Atlantic from Italy to Brazil, has given up the flight.

## 3,000-MILE VOYAGE.

## FATIGUE SEQUEL TO A WOMAN'S PLUCK.

## DEATH FOLLOWS COLLAPSE.

Miss Frances Knowles-Foster, novelist and traveller, who returned home on September 25 in a state of collapse after a thrilling voyage of 8,000 miles in the nine-ton motor yacht "Enchantress," died at the Tapestry Hall, Old Windsor, on October 23, aged 42 years.

Accompanied by her uncle, Commander Simmonds, aged 84, Miss Knowles-Foster navigated the yacht—30-year-old ex-naval pinnace—through the Baltic and across Germany and the North Sea.

It was a voyage full of adventures and hairbreadth escapes, and when the craft moored at Windsor it was found that, in addition to her nerves and heart-being affected by the strain, she had travelled hundreds of miles with a torn arm muscle and a broken finger. Commander Simmonds said the expedition was one of the most remarkable ever undertaken by a woman, and that her pluck was beyond all praise.

## Life of Adventure.

It was a love of the sea, and a wish to obtain first-hand material for a novel and travel book, that led Miss Knowles-Foster on her adventurous voyage across the North Sea. No woman had previously navigated a vessel of the size of the "Enchantress" on such a journey.

But this journey was by no means the only hazardous experience in Miss Knowles-Foster's life. She was full of the spirit of adventure, a fine horsewoman, and a good shot, and had travelled extensively. She had been lost in the jungle, and had penetrated into the heart of China. During the war she drove her own car in the course of hospital work.

Miss Knowles-Foster was the author of several popular books. She was a Yorkshire woman.

An example of excellent dispatch is reported from Leith. The Holt steamer "Polyphemus" arrived on Nov. 1 from Newport News with a full force of the gale on October 9 and 10 and several mishaps to ships are reported, with loss of life.

The hurricane raged over Denmark and caused heavy damage, especially to shipping.

An S.O.S. was received at Esbjerg from the Glasgow steamer "Morocco" who reports her rudder smashed. A salvage vessel is standing by.

The motorship "Parkston," which left Esbjerg on Saturday has only succeeded in making 100 miles, while the British steamer "Glenfels" dragged her moorings in Copenhagen Harbour and smashed in some of her plates before she could be re-moored.

The Dutch fishing trawler "Agatha Maria," from Katwyk-on-Sea founded near Wyk-on-Sea, and the crew of 14 were all drowned.

The same evening the Norwegian steamer "Aksler," from Drammen, bound for Boulogne, sprung a leak and sank off Terschelling, but the crew of 10 men, which included two Swedes, were rescued by two Ymuiden steam trawlers and landed safely.

The storm which visited Rotterdam was directly responsible for the running down and sinking of a tug on the Maas. The four men constituting her crew were drowned.

Passengers who arrived at Hong Kong from Australian Ports on the s.s. "Changte" on Dec. 10 included:—

Tidal Wave off German Coast.

A tidal wave caused considerable havoc on the North Sea coast.

The British steamers "Athen" and "Port Wellington" were at Cuxhaven, and the "Athen" prevented tugs leaving for the port.

Some 40 ships which left Hamburg had to return.

In reference to the above, a wireless message from the Australian liner "Port Wellington" announces the abandonment of the str. "Athena" whose crew of nine were

"Athena" of 265 tons register, owned at Great Yarmouth, was bound to Yarmouth from Hamburg with a cargo of coal.

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NELORE	6,853	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo, & Bombay	Hull
KHIVA	9,315	25th Dec.	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull	
MIRZAPORE	6,715	26th Dec.	Marselles, London, Hamburg & Rotterdam	
NYANZA	7,023	6th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	
MALWA	10,449	8th Jan.	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull	
KALYAN	9,147	22nd Jan.	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull	
DEVANHA	8,165	28th Jan.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	
MORIA	10,918	5th Feb.	Marselles, London	
DELTA	8,097	18th Feb.	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	
KASHMIR	9,096	19th Feb.	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull	
NELLIGRE	6,832	3rd March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	
MANTUA	10,902	5th March	Marselles, London, Antwerp & Hull	
KASHGAR	9,066	12th March	Marselles, London	
NYANZA	7,023	17th March	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	
MONGOLIA	16,504	19th March	Marselles, London	
MACEDONIA	11,120	26th April	Marselles, London	
DEVANHA	8,155	29th April	Marselles, London & Antwerp	
KARMAKA	9,148	16th April	Marselles, London & Antwerp	
DELTA	8,097	28th April	Singapore, Penang, Colombo & Bombay	
MALWA	10,941	30th April	Marselles, London	
KHIVA	9,315	14th May	Marselles, London & Antwerp	
MORIA	10,918	28th May	Marselles, London	

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S. S.	From	To	From	To
TALMA	10,000	16th Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	
SHIRALA	7,511	23rd Dec.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	
TAKIWA	7,936	2nd Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	
TAKADA	6,949	9th Jan.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta	

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## EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

S. S.	From	To	From	To
ST. ALBANS	4,500	31st Dec.	Manila, Sandakan, Thursday Island	
ARAFURA	6,000	28th Jan.	Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney, & Melbourne	
TANDA	6,956	4th March		
ST. ALBANS	4,500	1st April	Melbourne	
ARAFURA	6,000	29th April		
TANDA	6,966	3rd June		

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NYANZA	7,023	11th Dec.	Moji & Kobe
KASHMIR	8,085	13th Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
TAKIWA	7,936	15th Dec.	Amoy, Kobe & Osaka
		9 a.m.	Kobe
TAKADA	6,949	22nd Dec.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KALYAN	9,114	24th Dec.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka and Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	4th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MORIA	10,918	7th Jan.	Shanghai & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,156	7th Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
KASHGAR	9,005	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
DELTA	8,097	21st Jan.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
MANTUA	10,902	4th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
NELLIGRE	6,832	5th Feb.	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
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ST. ALBANS	4,500	8th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DEVANHA	8,155	18th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
KARMAKA	9,118	13th March	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
MALWA	10,980	1st April	Shanghai, Moji & Kobe
DELTA	8,097	1st April	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
ARAFURA	6,000	5th April	

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## HIGH HONOURS.

### A UNIQUE EPISODE ON THE ATLANTIC.

#### POPULAR FIGURES.

Honours are few and far between in the Merchant Service, yet quite by coincidence while the White Star liner "Olympic" and the United States Lines liner "Leviathan" were crossing the Atlantic from New York to Southampton, both their commanders were notified by wireless that honour high and well deserved had been awarded them.

The two great ships were practically together all the way across the ocean. They docked within 30 minutes of one another at Southampton and, strangely enough, the wireless message announcing the honour paid to the commanders were received on the same day with only the difference of a few hours.

The message from Britain informed Capt. W. Marshall, C.B., D.S.O., R.D., the commander of the "Olympic," that he had been appointed Royal Naval Reserve Aide-de-Camp to his Majesty the King; while that from America received on board the "Leviathan" was addressed to Captain Herbert Hartley and read: "The Board has to-day approved your nomination as commodore of the United States Lines. This is your authority to fly the flag."

In consequence of the latter wireless message the "Leviathan" came into port flying the commodore's pennant at her masthead.

Both commanders are popular figures in ocean travel, and both have had honours heaped upon them in the past. Modest though Captain Marshall and Captain Hartley are, the happy news flashed through their respective ships like magic, with a result that passengers flocked to the commanders' quarters, all desirous of showering congratulations. Other well-wishes came by wireless, and one of these to Capt. Hartley was from Mr. Vanderbilt, the famous American millionaire.

Captain Marshall, who was born at Liverpool, but now lives at Southampton, was last honoured in June, 1925, when his name figured in the King's Birthday Honours, indicating that he had the Order of Companions of the Bath conferred upon him.

Prior to that he was twice decorated during the war, first with the Distinguished Service Order, in July, 1916, for the particularly perilous work he had carried out, and later in June, 1918, with the Distinguished Service Order.

Captain Marshall has thus been three times decorated by the King, and the last time he appeared before his Majesty he was honoured with a private audience. He en-

## BILLS OF LADING.

### SIMPLICITY OF OLD-TIME DOCUMENTS.

#### To The Editor of "Lloyd's List".

Sir.—It is always a matter of interest to record old documents when they come to light, and your recent inclusion of an early policy leads me to submit to you a copy of the vernacular papers are still unanimous in expressing the belief that the base is aimed primarily at Japan and consequently denote it as a disturbing factor in Pacific relations.

With the purpose of discovering whether this view was truly representative, Reuter's correspondent interviewed several leading personalities and discussed with them the question frankly, promising to reveal no names.

The impression thus gained is that even Anglophiles though

desirous of persuading themselves

that the opinions of the vernacular

papers are incorrect find difficulty

because the British Government,

though denying that the project is

directed against Japan, does not

explain why, then, it is necessary to

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## "SUNNING" PIRACY.

WHY THE SHIP WAS FIRED.

## 3RD ENGINEER'S EVIDENCE.

The trial of the twenty men alleged to have participated in the "Sunning" piracy was continued at the Magistrate yesterday afternoon when evidence was given by Mr. Andrew Duncan 3rd, Engineer of the ship. Witness said that he was in the engine room at 2.50 p.m. on November 15. At 4 o'clock he sent a greaser up to the 2nd Engineer, but when the man got to the top of the platform, he was chased down by a Chinese armed with a gun. Witness was relieved by the Chief Officer. When he reached the saloon deck he saw two armed men. He was allowed to pass to his room which he found all upside down, the contents of his drawers being strewn over the floor.

Mr. Holmes: When did you last see Mr. Lapsley?—About 11.30 p.m.

Continuing, witness said that he heard the "shooting" and remembered hearing the Chief Engineer shout "My God! My God! Don't shoot." The Chief Engineer came into the Captain's room wounded. Witness afterwards assisted those below to get through the skylight.

Questioned with regard to the fire, witness said that he first saw smoke at about 3.30. "I saw some pirates setting fire to one of the lifeboats, and I fired. I also fired from the top of the wireless house to the poop."

Witness said that later on, he left the ship in No. 2 life-boat and was subsequently picked up by a Norwegian steamer and later transferred to "H.M.S. Verity" which brought him to Hong Kong.

Mr. Holmes: Can you identify any of the pirates to whom you have referred?—Yes. No. 2 was always walking round the saloon deck. I have no doubt whatever about that. I saw No. 3 in the Chief Officer's room and I am quite convinced that No. 5 was the fellow who walked through the saloon with a gun whilst we were having dinner. I found No. 20 in my cabin on one occasion before dinner.

Witness added that he recognised No. 19, who was the ship's carpenter. He did not see that man participate in the piracy.

Replying to the 3rd defendant, witness stated: "I saw you dozens of times from 5 o'clock onwards.

## Cross Examination.

Cross-examined by Mr. d'Almada, witness said that he was not informed that the "Bluebell" had picked up a boat until he reached Hong Kong.

Mr. d'Almada: Was that before you attended an identification parade at the Police Station?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: I want to ask you whether you agree with the views expressed by Mr. Orr. He expressed the opinion that the pirates deliberately set fire to the boats and centre castle of the ship in order to remove all evidence of the piracy. Do you agree with that?—Yes.

Mr. Lo: Mr. Orr also stated that he heard or saw firing up to 4.15, but that he heard no firing afterwards. Do you agree?—Yes. I did not hear any.

Mr. Lo: Mr. Orr also said that it was his opinion at the time that when the second boat left, all the able-bodied pirates had left the ship. We didn't leave for some time. I was doubtful and took precautions before the boat was lowered.

Mr. Lo: What was your view when you were leaving?—I did not think of anything like that.

Mr. Lo: I do want you to think very carefully. This is a very serious matter from the point of view of people who may be innocent. In view of your strong view that the setting fire to the ship was deliberate, do you now express the view that all the pirates, except the wounded and dead, left by the two boats?—I thought that if all the pirates had left, why were they so anxious about the boats we were guarding, and why did they send a message asking for a boat?

Mr. Lo: This is very interesting. May I ask if you gave that information to the Crown Solicitor?—I cannot remember.

Mr. Lo: You are not mixing that up with what the newspapers have called an armistice!—Perhaps, I am.

Mr. Lo: Bearing in mind the circumstances, do you now agree with the opinion that Mr. Orr entertained?—I still do not think that all the surviving pirates left the ship.

Mr. Lo: You now think that in doing what they did, they were

## THE OIL TRIAL.

## DOHENY ON "JAPANESE MENACE."

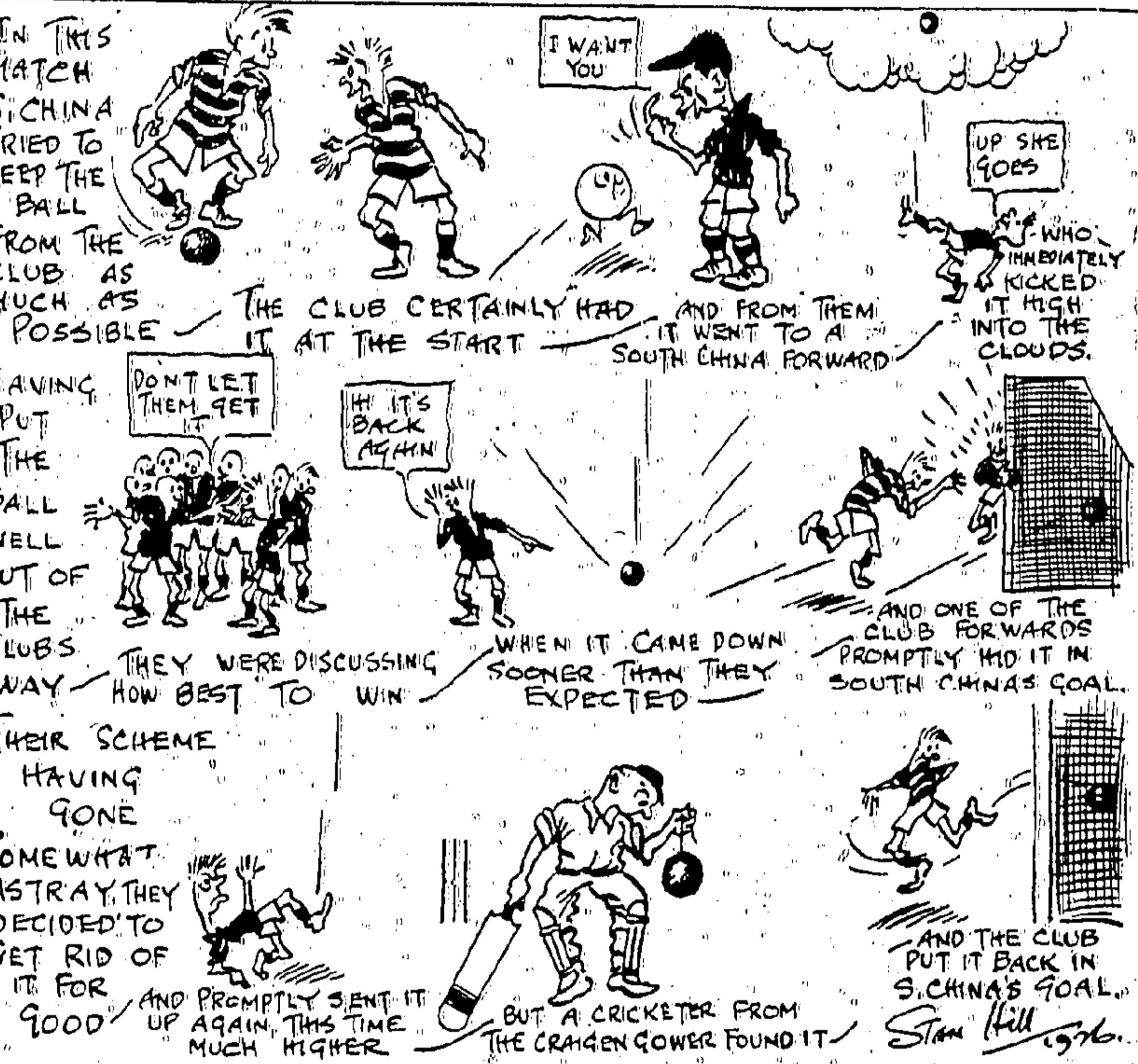
Washington, Dec. 10. Cross-examined in the Oil Conspiracy case Mr. Doheny asserted that it was the "Japanese menace" of 1921 which induced him to embark on the Elk Hills Lease-Pearl Harbour Storage contract.

He said that Admiral Robinson, Chief of the Naval Bureau of Engineering patriotically appealed to him to ensure the American Navy an adequate supply of oil in Hawaii lest the Japanese threat should materialise and United States find itself in the position of Belgium when invaded by the Germans.

Mr. Doheny added that Admiral Robinson confided to him that the United States Government called the Arment Conference for the purpose of having other nations confront Japan.

Advancing to the \$300,000 loan made to Mr. Fall, Mr. Doheny insisted that it was merely a personal transaction and not connected with the pending oil contracts.—Reuter's American Service.

## WHEN "HIGH KICKING" (IN SOCCER) DOES NOT PAY.



## DIOCESAN SCHOOL.

## ACTIVITIES AT END OF THE TERM.

The annual examinations for Classes 3 to 8 at the Diocesan Boys' School finished on Wednesday last. Classes 1 and 2 are taking the Hong Kong University Matriculation and Junior Examinations this week and next.

The promotion for Classes 3 to 8 will be made on Monday, Dec. 18. On Thursday last all the boys in these Classes, 214 in number with one exception, were divided into eight Junior and eight senior association football teams and a knock out competition was played all day, each teams playing fifteen minutes each way.

## A Long Trek.

On Friday three masters, three lady teachers and 166 boys went by launch from Mongkok to Tsun-wan, walked through Pineapple Pass to the Shing Mun Valley, through the new water tunnel and thence to Lai-chi-kok. The party left School at 9.30 a.m. and returned at 3.30 p.m. with the loss so far as could be ascertained of only one pair of shoes and stockings.

## FUNERAL.

## LATE MR. J. B. MOORE.

The funeral of the late Mr. J. B. Moore, who died at the Peak Hospital on Thursday, took place at Happy Valley yesterday afternoon. The Rev. G. T. Waldegrave conducted the service.

Among those present at the graveside were:—Mr. G. M. Young (Manager of Messrs. Butterfield and Swire, Ltd.), Messrs. C. C. Knight, M. M. Murray, H. J. Love, C. W. Olson, W. C. Innes, D. Mackenzie, T. Low, A. E. Greenway, V. H. C. Jarrett, R. W. Stoddart, J. H. R. Hance, J. D. H. Crawford, Capt. Chalmers, R. E., Capt. Innes, and several Chinese members of the China Navigation Wireless School.

Wreaths were sent by "his sister and niece," Mr. G. M. Young, Messrs. W. J. Roper, W. C. Innes, A. Breford, A. Chapman, Tse Ming, R. W. Stoddart, L. A. Macfarlane, V. H. C. Jarrett, Luk Yu-chung, H. J. Love, J. D. H. Crawford, O. E. White, D. L. Lyle, T. Low, Chung Man-kong, F. H. Neale (Shang-hai), J. R. Kinghorn, Tam Yuen-

## COUNT AND HIS WIFE.

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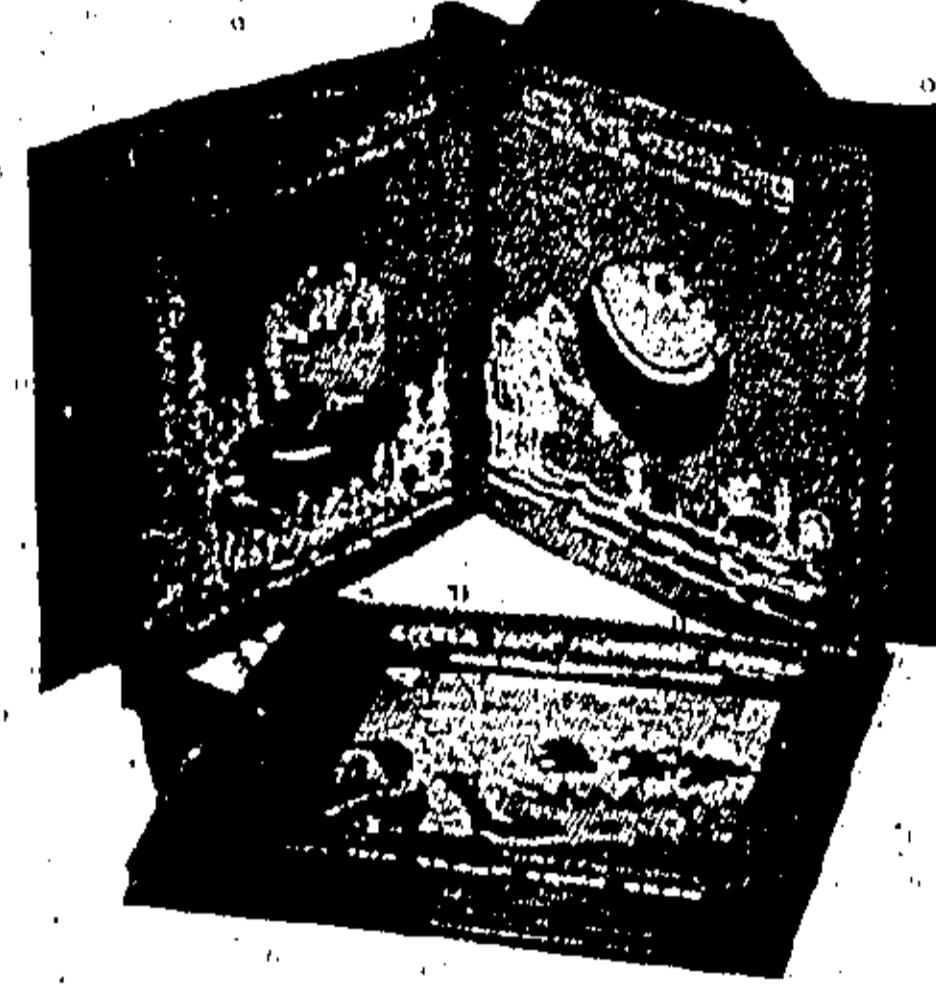
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The next Criminal Sessions will be held on Monday, December 20.

It is notified that the name of The Hing Fat Steamship Company, Limited, has been struck off the Register of Companies.

The list of public and general holidays to be observed as Government holidays in 1927 is published in the "Government Gazette".



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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

Quarry Bay School pupils are giving a display (at the school) at 11 a.m. on Friday, Dec. 17.

On Monday, the new term begins at St. Stephen's College, Prospect Place, Bonham Road.

Union Church (Kowloon) will hold the annual congregation meeting (business and social) on Dec. 18 at 8.30 p.m.

Reminder: St. John Ambulance Brigade annual competition for the "Ralphs" shield on Murray Parade Ground at 9 a.m. to-morrow.

Confirmation classes will commence at St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, at 10 a.m. to-morrow with a united class for boys and girls.

"Theosophy and World Problems" was the subject of a very interesting lecture given by Mr. H. E. Laneapau at Thursday's meeting of the Theosophical Society (Hong Kong Lodge).

Mrs. J. C. Griggs spoke on "Some Aspects of Browning's Poetry" last night before the Arts and Science Club of Linnan University (formerly Canton Christian College).

A decision has been made by General Teng Yen-tah to establish a library in Wuchang, with Mr. Chang Pei-chun as responsible organizer. A sum of \$1,000 has been appropriated for the purpose.

To-day the Christmas sale begins at Messrs. Hall, Law & Co., Ltd., Nos. 30-32, Des Voeux Road Central, in photographic requisites, binoculars etc. This lasts twenty-one days, and early inspection is recommended.

The case in which L. Goonting, of the Chartered Bank, Kuala Lumpur, was charged with criminal misappropriation of the sum of \$2,502.29, was mentioned on Nov. 26, when three men, armed with pistols, broke into a Chinese dwelling house occupied by a man named Kuo Hung-tse, intimidated the inmates by threatening them with pistols, and made good their escape with a number of valuable articles. The owner of the house attempted to follow the miscreants to the door, but, in doing so, received a bullet in the right arm.

With a view to encouraging the staff on the Shanghai-Nanking and Shanghai-Hangchow railways as well as the various officers connected with the local land and naval forces, Marshal Sun Chuan-fang dispatched on November 19 a sum of \$20,000 to them as remuneration.

The Peking Government is in receipt of a telegram from General Yen Hsi-shan of Shanxi requesting permission to extend the period for the levy of the communications, customs and other surtaxes so as to raise funds for the relief of the victims of famine and war in Shanxi.

The Hankow Printers' Union on November 20, submitted seven demands to the proprietors of various printing establishments, demanding a reply within forty-eight hours. The employers have replied asking for an extension of the time-limit so as to enable them to study their demands and frame counter-proposals.

A large supply of arms and ammunition, said to have been imported from Denmark by Gen. Ko Yip-chien for the use of Marshal Wu Pei-fu's army, has reached Shanghai and has been detained by the authorities owing to the fact that no *hukchau* (permit) has been presented. Until one is forthcoming, the consignment will be held up.

Various German organisations of civil service employees and clerks have fused into a single nationwide union. Chancellor Marx, in welcoming the announcement, expressed his satisfaction at the fusion by declaring that he preferred to have eventually to work with one organisation representing all instead of with many smaller ones.

Another armed robbery occurred in the French Concession, Shanghai, on Nov. 26, when three men, armed with pistols, broke into a Chinese dwelling house occupied by a man named Kuo Hung-tse, intimidated the inmates by threatening them with pistols, and made good their escape with a number of valuable articles. The owner of the house attempted to follow the miscreants to the door, but, in doing so, received a bullet in the right arm.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

A Reuter cable from Belgrade announces the death of the former Premier, M. Pachitch.

Our Singapore correspondent cables the death of Mr. Scott Falshaw, for 32 years Government Veterinarian Surgeon.

Miss Alice Fitzgerald of the Rockefeller Foundation arrived in Hong Kong by the "President McKinley" on Thursday from Seattle.

Mr. Jose de Acuna (of the Insular Lumber Co. of Manila) and Mrs. de Acuna arrived here on the "President McKinley" on Thursday from Seattle and Shanghai.

A representative of the Raymond Pile Driving Co. in Mr. Wm. H. Young came to Hong Kong this week on the "President McKinley" from Seattle, via Shanghai.

Among the passengers who disembarked here from the "President McKinley" on Thursday (arrived from Shanghai) were Mrs. A. A. Alves, Miss A. Alves and Mr. J. A. Hyndman.

Mr. J. W. Huck, Oriental representative of the Great Northern Railway (of America), came to Hong Kong on the "President McKinley" which arrived on Thursday from Seattle.

Among those who arrived on the "Change" from Australia yesterday were Mr. C. H. Benson, Mr. E. A. Williams, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Anthony and Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Roxburgh.

Mr. S. T. Williamson, the well-known shipping merchant of Hong Kong, came back to the Colony from Australia yesterday on the "Change," accompanied by Mrs. Williamson.

Mr. Ma Ying-piu, managing director of the Sincere Co., Ltd. and affiliated companies, who is well-known both in Hong Kong and abroad, returned from a trip to the North on Thursday by the "President McKinley."

His Majesty the King has been graciously pleased to award the Imperial Service Medal to Mr. C. de Silva, of Kuala Lumpur, in recognition of his long and meritorious service under the Government. Mr. de Silva, lately retired, had been in the Survey Department for a period of over thirty-seven years.

Miss Alice MacDougall, daughter of United States Admiral and Mrs. MacDougall, was married on November 18 to Mr. Henrik de Kauffmann, Danish Minister to Japan and China, at Portsmouth, New Hampshire.

General Li Pao-chang, Commissioner of the Defence, left Shanghai for Nanking on Nov. 24 to confer with General Lu Hsien-tung, tupan of Chekiang, and Marshal Sun Chuan-fang's representative at Nanking regarding questions of Shanghai's defence.

Mr. Curtis W. Childs, manager of the Foreign Department of the First National Bank of Boston, Mass., and Professor George E. Roorback, of the Harvard School of Business Administration, have arrived in Shanghai and will remain for about three weeks. They are making a study of the economic conditions of the Far East.

Mr. A. de C. Sowerby, who lectured before the China Society of Science and Arts, Shanghai, on Nov. 26, on the animal life of the Yangtze Delta, which mainly includes the province of Kiangsu, is well known as a naturalist and explorer and has spent much time investigating the fauna of this province. He is editor of the China Journal besides being the author of several books on natural history subjects.

NOBEL PEACE PRIZE.

Oslo, Dec. 10. The Nobel Peace Prize, 1925, has been awarded to Sir Austen Chamberlain and the American General, Charles Dawes, and the Peace Prize for 1926 to M. Briand and Herr Stresemann. The awards were announced with imposing ceremony attended by a nationally representative gathering, including the King and the Crown Prince. Commander Nansen in a speech said that the Dawes plan first brought light to darkest Europe after the war, while the initiative of Locarno came from Herr Luther Stresemann while Sir Austen Chamberlain while M. Briand contributed very largely to the conclusion of the Rhine treaty which introduced a new spirit in the relations between former adversaries, eliminating the Rhine as a cause of conflicts in European politics.

Reuter.

Japan is negotiating with Porsia for the establishment of an Embassy at Teheran.

By way of protest against the action of the Governor-General abolishing the Board of Control of the Philippine national enterprises, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, and the President of the Senate, have announced the intention of the Legislature to go on a non-co-operative strike and to refuse to hold sessions in future.

A perfectly-preserved mammoth, frozen between sheets of ice for innumerable centuries, has been discovered in the Trans-Baikal province, according to a reliable report from China. The mammoth, which is only the second to be found for a hundred years, has been shipped to the Academy of Sciences at Leningrad for examination.

Germany has announced officially a new series of postage stamps decorated with representations of the heads of celebrated Germans (Goethe, Schiller, and Beethoven). The decision to use a representation of the head of Frederick the Great on the penny stamp (which is the most used) has been criticised by the "Republican Press."

The Tokyo Government has decided to introduce an opium monopoly system in Kwantung Leased Territory, and the system is being drafted among the Foreign, Justice, and Kwantung Government people. Of many, complicated "necessary formalities" the profits from the opium traffic will be placed as an item on Special Account, under the control of the Finance Ministry. The matter will be presented to the coming session of the Diet.

Extensive plans for the improvement of Peking streets and the sewer system are under way, the Metropolitan Municipal Administration directing the work. The outer wall of the Forbidden City has been torn down, and bricks and materials taken from the west part of the wall will be kept for use in building the new sewer. Construction of the improvements will be entirely in accordance with modern methods.

Mr. F. H. Tyson, in charge of the Standard Oil Co.'s interests at Canton, is leaving Canton to-day to go on leave in America.

Comdr. J. M. Smealie, U.S.N. and Mrs. Smealie, Dr. V. C. Vaughn and Mrs. Vaughn are among the passengers who passed through Hong Kong this week on the "President McKinley" bound for Manila from Seattle.

Mr. W. Glendinning, outside superintendent of Hong Kong Tramways, Ltd., returned from leave in Australia yesterday, by the "Ching-ta," accompanied by Mrs. Glendinning and family. Mr. Glendinning is a lawn bowls enthusiast.

General Chen Ta-chun (Chin-tai-kuang in Cantonese pronunciation), the "Precautionary Commander of Canton," has succeeded Li Chang-tat as Commissioner of Public Safety in Canton (a position equivalent to that of head of police and gendarmerie).

Six diplomatic delegates, including Dr. C. T. Wang and others, have been elected by the Three Provinces Association. With the exception of Dr. Wang who is now in Manilla the rest will call on the local British, American, French and Japanese Consuls-General in a day or two to explain to them the nature of the new organisation, says the Kuo Wen Agency.

A number of Chinese ladies and gentlemen were amongst the guests of H.E. the Commander-in-Chief of the China Station (Vice-Admiral Sir Edwyn Alexander-Sinclair) on H.M.S. "Hawkins" last evening at a dinner dance. There were the Hon. Sir Shou-son and Lady Chow, Mrs. Burma Liu of Peking, Mrs. Chan Chan of Chungking, Mrs. Y. K. Chow, Dr. and Mrs. Tam of Tientsin, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Cheung and Mr. Li Chor-chi.

Mr. W. H. Threlfall, Acting Controller, Post and Telegraph, Penang, is proceeding home upon retirement after a distinguished career in the Straits Settlements Postal Department. He came out to Malaya first in April, 1898, and has filled many appointments in Singapore and Penang. He will be chiefly remembered in connection with the very keen interest he has always taken in the domain of sports, having inter alia, on no fewer than fifteen occasions, held the tennis championship of the Penang Cricket Club.

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## LEAGUE CRICKET.

"VARSITY 2ND DEFEAT "TAMAR."

## SUDAN'S 6 WICKETS.

In a match of comparatively low scores, University 2nd XI beat H.M.S. "Tamar" by five wickets in division II of the Cricket League, at Pokfulam yesterday.

Beasley (27) and Beron (32) made a 4th-wicket stand of 43 runs for the "Tamar" after three wickets had fallen for 30. The 6th wicket fell at 106 but the whole side was out for 111.

Sudan took 6 wickets—all bowled. Gittins accounted for 3 in like manner and one was run out.

Loke (21) and S. V. Gittins (25) put on 41 for the "Varsity". Sling (26 not out) and Kermani (16) saw the total along to 3 for 85 but 2 more wickets fell before the winning hit was made. The later batsmen then went in for hitting. Scores:

H.M.S. "Tamar."	27
C.P.O. Beasley, b. Gittins	27
Z.S.A. King, b. Gittins	6
Pay Comdr. Coomber, run out	8
R.P.O. Nowlands, b. Sudan	4
E.R.A. Beron, b. Sudan	32
Lt. Neale, b. Sudan	1
Marine Barker, b. Sudan	23
Arm. Parr, b. Sudan	1
Cpl. Lee, b. Sudan	0
Marine Shewring, b. Gittins	0
R.P.O. Folkard, not out	0
Extras	9
Total!	111

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O. M.	R. W.
Sudan	11.3	1
Gittins	11	1
Suleiman	2	0
Chan Wah	1	0
Varsity 2nd XI	5	0
K. T. Loke, b. Coomber	21	
S. V. Gittins, b. Barker	26	
W. H. Sling, not out	26	
S. Kermani, c. Shewring, b. Lee	16	
A. B. Suleiman, b. Lee	0	
C. K. Ong, b. Lee	5	
A. Barker, run out	12	
E. N. Sudan, b. w., b. King	8	
F. Hippola, c. Neale, b. Folkard	1	
Total (for 9 wkt.)	123	

## BOWLING ANALYSIS.

	O. M.	R. W.
King	7	1
Coomber	7	0
Barker	6	1
Lee	8	2
Bensley	3	0
Folkard	4	0
Total (for 9 wkt.)	26	0

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## HANDCAPS OUT.

## FANLING HUNT, NEXT SATURDAY.

Weights have been allotted for the 2nd race (handicap) of the Fanling Hunt steeplechase meeting at Kwanti next Saturday, as follow:

	lbs.
Cheriton Vale	173
Reynolds	162
More Better	160
Golden Pheasant	158
Sunburst Rose	157
James Pigg	155
Rothesay	152
Rivergrass	150
Nonsuch	150
Wahkeena	148
Kwan Tao	145
Isostacy (late Magnificent)	145
Dahlia	140
Tam	

## SILVER CUP MEMENTO.

In appreciation for the loan of their football ground at Happy Valley every Wednesday, H.M.S. "Hermes" soccerites have (through the Commander) presented St. Joseph's College with a handsome silver cup. This memento is likely to be put up as a soccer trophy for a College competition.

Mr. Kishi, president of the Japanese Society for Physical Culture, has received an official invitation from China to attend the eighth Far Eastern Olympic Tournament, which is to be held in Shanghai next August, according to a Tokyo News Agency message. The message states that India has intimated a desire to participate in the meeting and China is conferring with Japan on the question:

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Friday, no case of notifiable disease being returned.

A number of British merchant vessels on the run between Shanghai and Hankow are now carrying the Union Jack painted very boldly on their sides to give militiamen of both camps no excuse for firing at the vessels of a friendly power.

## OUT OF LUCK.

## MISFORTUNES OF RUSSIANS IN HARBIN.

## BUSINESS STAGNATION.

A Harbin correspondent writes to the "N. C. Daily News":

Thanks to the stagnancy of business and the impossibility of local Russian merchants of doing business in the past, with Russia, Russian house-owners are gradually losing their property. A large number of the finest buildings in Harbin are mortgaged to Japanese firms, and as these mortgages are falling due and the principal not being repaid, the latter are closing on their debtors. One large Japanese firm, in particular, which has advanced large sums on property in Harbin, and has seemingly had very friendly relations with the local Court is now acquiring houses for about one-third of their real value, only recently they have become possessors of two large buildings worth over 400,000 yen apiece, bringing in a yearly income of at least 40,000 yen for about 150,000 yen each, actually the amount of the original loan plus the interest. The details of how this is possible are very interesting, seeing that Chinese law has it, that mortgagors can, only claim the amount of the money due them and that if a forced public sale is made, they must hand the balance of the proceeds over to the original house-owner. Now all the houses were built when the dollar was worth Yen 1.20 and more, whilst the loans from Japanese were made in Yen. At the present moment the dollar is only worth 80 sen. The court only recognises the Chinese Yuan, and the official valuers of the Court usually place the value of the buildings considerably lower than the actual cost, not taking into consideration the monthly rent accruing from the letting of the premises. At the first sale the bidders do not offer the upset price, so a second sale with 15 per cent. off the first estimated value, takes place and again, there are no buyers at the price, then a third and even fourth sale which is allowed by Chinese law, is put through, the price in each instance being reduced again by 15 per cent. Thus it is when the sale price ordered by the Court becomes about the same as the value of the debt to the Japanese mortgagee, the building is bought by the latter, without the latter having to pay the former a cent.

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The only ray of hope held out in his address was that "as a race we are still in the morning of time, and we do not yet realise what life might be."

## PLEASANT EVENING.

## WARRANT OFFICERS' CLUB DANCE.

The Naval Commissioned and Warrant Officers' Club held their customary fortnightly dance at the Cafe Restaurant Parisien last night, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

The dance hall of the Cafe was tastefully decorated and by special arrangement was reserved for this occasion. Other patrons of the Cafe had the whole of the spacious balcony for their use. Although many stayed away due to other attractions, there were about 80 subscribers present. Fourteen dance pieces were beautifully rendered by the Cafe Parisien's orchestra and the party finished up at midnight after a very enjoyable evening.

## FUEL SHORTAGE.

## COAL TOO DEAR FOR THE POOR.

The fuel problem remains acute, writes the Peking correspondent of the "Shanghai Times," though some coal is being brought in, under military auspices and the customary military imports. Prices consequently remain beyond the reach of the poorer classes. Since the soldiers have begun not only to control the transport but also the sale of coal, however, there is some hope that larger supplies and unprincipled competition may bring costs down.

There has been a slight reduction in the price of coal both from the mines of the Western Hills district since the military awoke to this trade opportunity.

And those officials who have the

say in the matter are beginning

to utilise the idle freight cars

under their jurisdiction for a

little private business.

There also seems to be a freer disposition

to allow the idle cars to be

furnished to the civilian busi-

nessman, but since the idea of

trade on his own account struck

the soldier, the bountiful price of

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Senator Irvin Lenroot (left) and Governor John J. Blaine (right) locked horns in a bitter political battle for the Wisconsin Senatorship.



Baroness Robert D'Erlanger, formerly Mrs. Peter Cooper Hewitt, has been honeymooning with her fifth husband, George W. Childs McCarter.



After writing an endearing note to his wife, Lotta H. Tyrrel Davis, British actor, took poison in a hotel. He is recovering.



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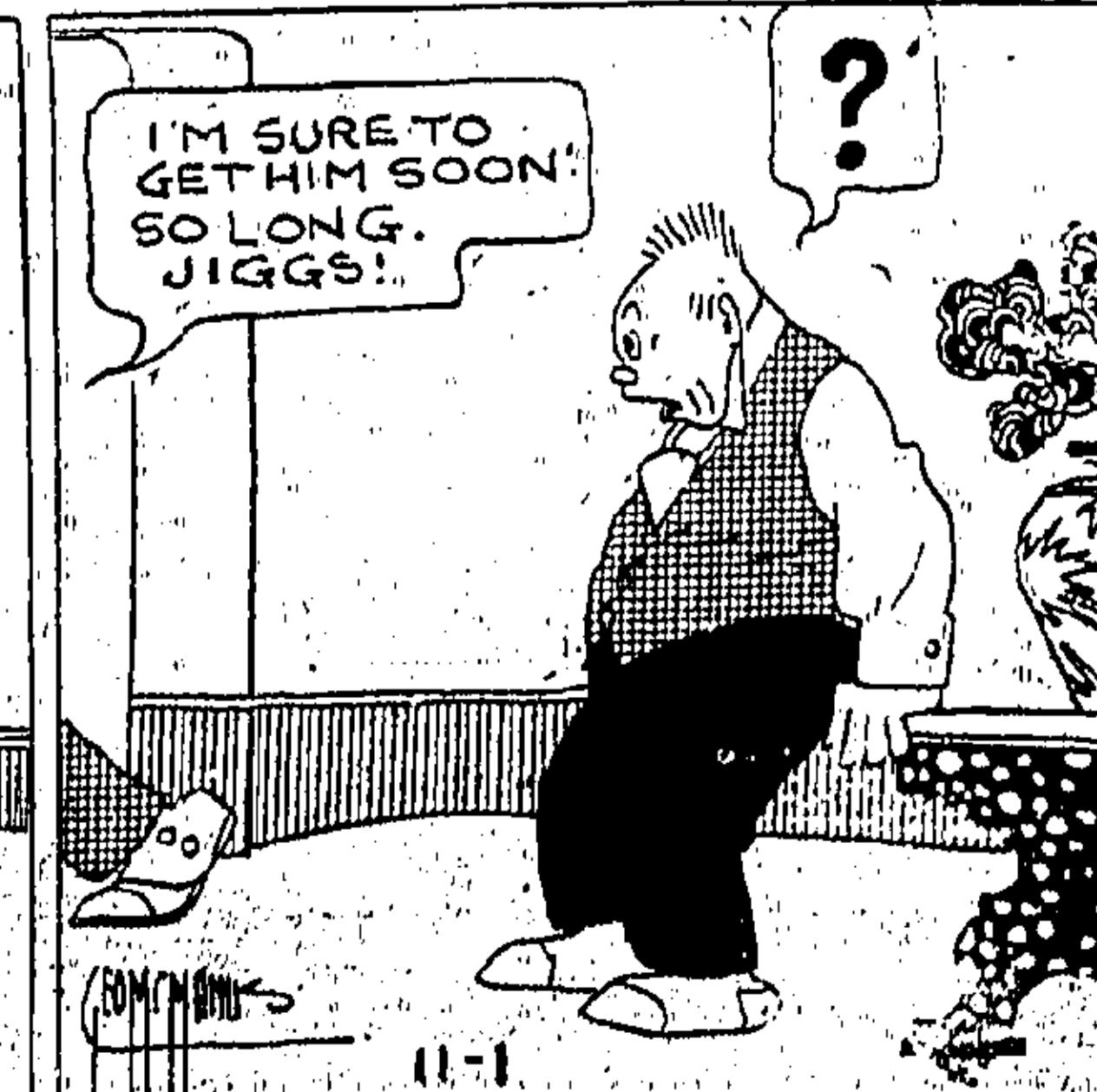


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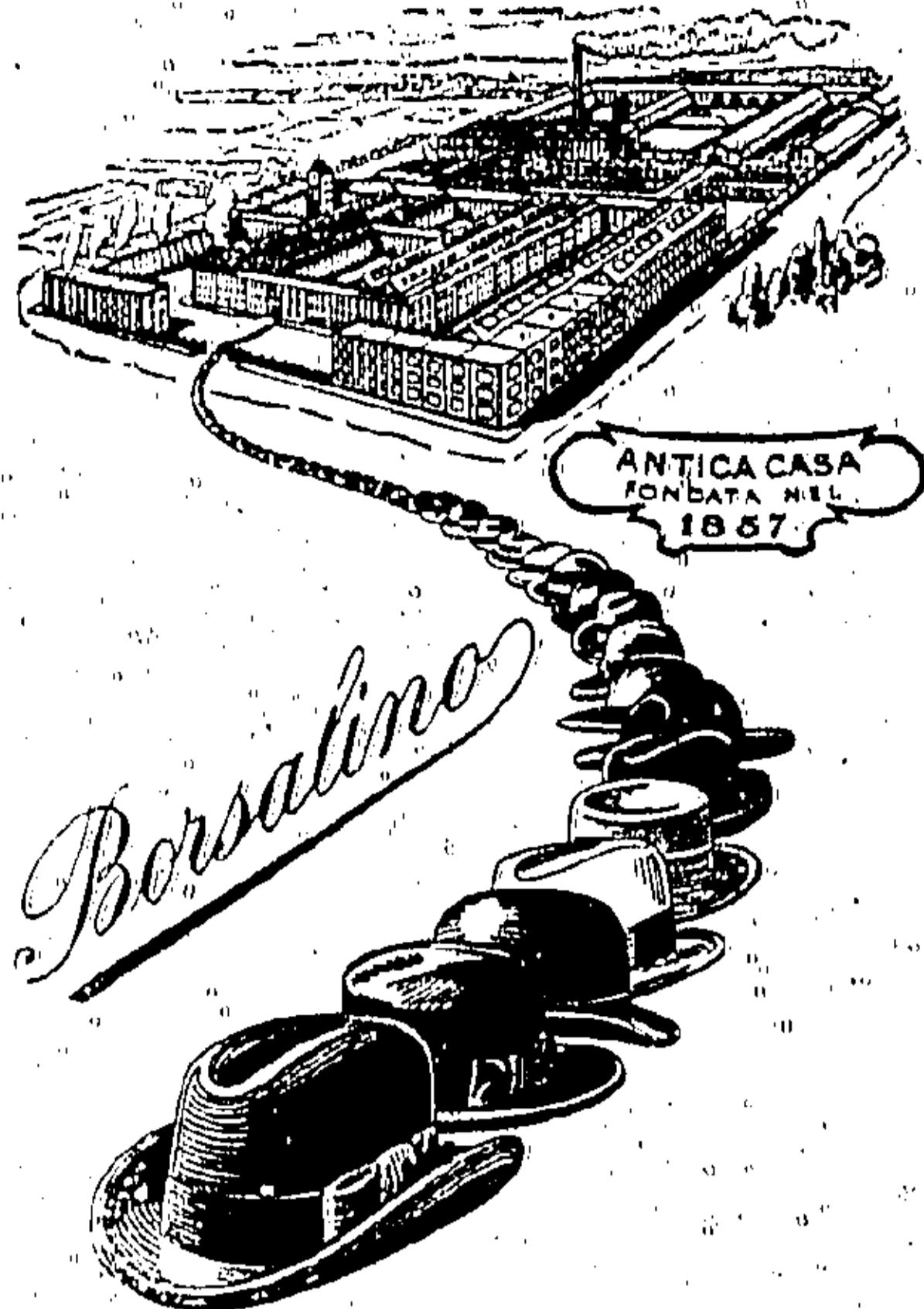


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### SOVIET DESIGNS.

#### ALLEGED FRIENDSHIP TO CHINA.

##### MOSCOW TRICKERY.

"Mai Kwei," writes to the *Shanghai Times*:

Is China ever going to be fooled by the smooth tongued platitudes and honeyed protestations of amity and friendship on the part of Russia? Profuse were the protests of friendship at the time in 1880, when by the treaty of Livadia, peacefully, and in the very best interests of her dear friend, China, Russia, relieved the latter country of that vast region of the Kuldja Steppes.

At the time of this scandalous rape of China's territory for which there was no excuse and no subsequent attempt at restitution or recompense? Russian diplomats, through tricksters at the Chinese capital, was continuously warning capital, was honeyed words against the outrageous "imperial" designs against China's territory and China's sovereign rights on the part of all and sundry foreign Powers, except Russia. It is a curious record of history, however, that in those days, although the other foreign Powers got the abuse and opprobrium, the honeyed words of Russia masked that country's rape of China's territories. There is not one bit of difference to-day in Russia's diplomacy or designs toward China, only the policy of peaceful penetration has changed its hallmark to that of "Sovietization," as, to wit, the Sovietization of Mongolia which has made that vast region as solidly a part of "imperialistic Sovietic" Russia as is the Kuldja or Manchuria.

Yes, peaceful penetration and more peaceful acquisition were the territorial raping methods of Russia in the days of half a century ago, and since then the bear has not lost the tricks and arts of the "bunny hug."

Sovietism has unquestionably destroyed Russia's power for construction, industrially and commercially. It has beaten out of all existence the desire of the individual to succeed, since the moment an individual does show signs of success he immediately becomes the prey of those who can't succeed or don't desire to succeed, and everything pertaining to the successful one is seized and sacrificed on the altar of incapacity and unscrupulousness. However, Sovietized Russia has not lost the necessity for the process of means of living, but since the initiative of the individual to produce these has been entirely eliminated such necessities must be grabbed from Russia's nearest and weakest neighbours. It is Russia's peaceful intention so to weaken China by internal disorders that she will become a very easy prey for that peaceful process of territorial rape which Russia, once having learned, has never forgotten. No effort is being spared or will be spared by Sovietistic Russia to dismember China through internal strife until China collapses at the feet of Russia through the sheer exhaustion of strife and the elimination of China's fighting, and therefore resisting force.

### NEED FOR CAUTION.

#### JAPAN AND THE CHANGES IN CHINA.

Dealing with the situation in China, the "Hochi" in an editorial writes:—"The fact that military and political leaders in the North are now sitting in conference in Tientsin as to their policy towards the South clearly shows that the influence of the Southern forces has virtually extended to a wider circle. In case the Canton Government is removed to Wuchang it naturally follows that the unification of the provinces in the South, which is a cherished object of the Kuomintang Party, may be realised though nominally, and that the Southern and Northern Governments on an equal footing will come into existence. In that case, the relations between China and the Powers will become more complicated than ever. Japan therefore, should be very careful at this juncture not to make any mistake in her policy towards China."

### Lending a Hand to Mother Nature



Unfortunately Mother Nature made no provision for the growing army of Isaac Walton in her scheme of things. Man supplements nature in re-stocking the trout streams of the Canadian Pacific Rockies, through the agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, which conducts an annual Cut-throat spawning and hatching operation in the Rockies each spring.

Authorities have estimated that only about three percent of all Cut-throat trout eggs are naturally spawned, hatch. The reason given is the desire of fish spawning at other times to feed on the newly laid eggs with the result that the male Cut-throat, after driving off the female, fertilizes the eggs too late, when they have absorbed so much water that they cannot absorb the fertilizing fluid.

From 87 to 90 percent of eggs artificially spawned at Banff and Spray Lakes, hatch under artificial methods. This is how it is done:

Towards the end of March just

before spawning time, the trout are caught in nets, stripped, and returned to the streams, while the eggs from the female and fertilizing fluid from the male Cut-throat are mixed. In ten weeks the young fish is ready for its new home in the trout stream where it reaches the length of over eight inches in about four years.

The annual spring harvest of Cut-throat eggs at Spray Lakes

each female giving from 800 to 1,800 eggs—about three-quarters of a million. At present 624,824, Lock Loven trout eggs, 172,918 Lake Superior Salmon trout, 515,906 Rainbow, and 5,908,000 Pictured eggs are hatching in the Banff Hatchery. The

### BIRTH CONTROL.

#### GIRLS TOLD TO BURN LEAFLETS.

#### PROPAGANDA IN LONDON.

Officials of the National Council of Women protested on October 23 against the distribution of birth control literature to young girls outside the entrance door of Church House, London, while the council was holding a meeting for girls.

The hall was crowded with Girl Guides, Camp Fire Girls, and others between the ages of thirteen and seventeen. Mrs. George Morgan, vice-president of the council, discovered that many had been given birth control pamphlets.

She immediately asked the girls to burn the leaflets without reading them.

"We stopped the distribution of the literature at once," said Mrs. Morgan, to a representative of the press. "It seemed particularly disgraceful because it was distributed only to the girls, not to any one attending our meetings for grown people."

An official of a birth control society stated that the practice was contrary to the rules of the society, and that the pamphlets must have been distributed by an irresponsible person.

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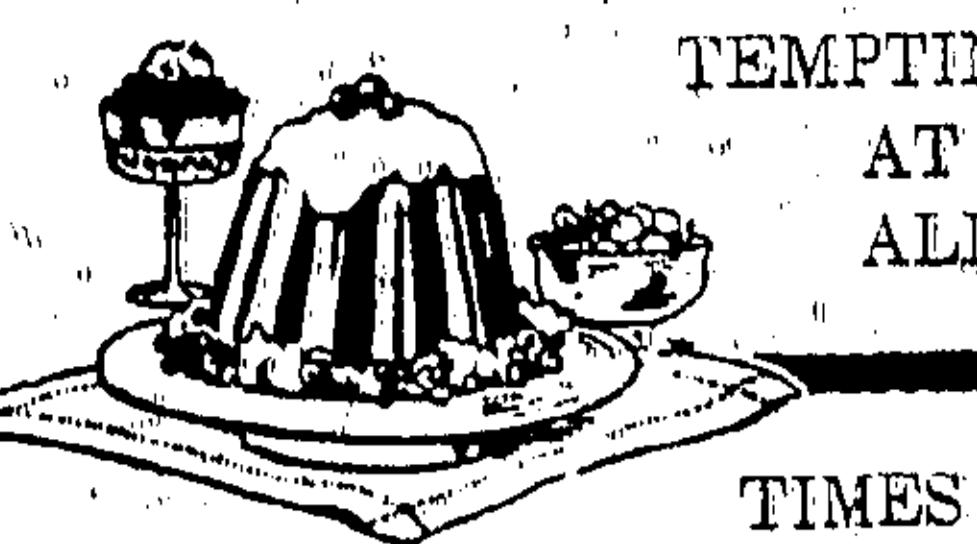
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Shanghai and Japan	Shantung	5 p.m.
Amoy	Krechow	5 p.m.
Wei Kai Wu	Hangang	5 p.m.
Bangkok	DECEMBER 14.	
Salon	Tijpana	9.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Foochow	Batbong	Noon
Bangkok	Chinhsia	5 p.m.
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In "The Pirates," moreover, we see Gilbert at his most absurdly whimsical—as Frederic, that exemplary "slave of duty," would have put it. It was pleasant last evening to find that most of his companions vied with him in perennial youthfulness of spirits. They gave us, at any rate, as good as, and more or two respects better a performance than any that I can recall and I have seen many amateur productions of this opera.

### Good Team Work.

I hope that, without being accused of displaying undue generosity, I may say that one looks as a matter of course, for first rate team work where the "Phil" is concerned; yet, with one or two exceptions which will be noted later, "The Pirates," as it seemed to me, showed them to better advantage than in some of their productions during recent years. This applies with particular force to the work of the chorus, whose singing sustained a very high level throughout.

Were Major-General Stanley's "pure and peerless" daughters for, their part, inspired to give of their vocal best by the pleasure they must have experienced in being tricked out in such ravishingly pretty dresses and hats? In any case, they were most pleasing to look at, as well as to hear. Practically all the principals were familiar, from the model Major-General downwards. Mr. A. J. Brock gives one the impression that, this is not his first appearance in this role. He reeled off the famous patter song once or twice at a rate which precluded perfect clearness and made it difficult at moments for the orchestra to keep pace with him.

### The Singing.

The chief singing honours went to Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith, whose delightfully fresh, sympathetic voice has never, perhaps, sounded more appealing, either in "Poor Wandering One"—sung with exemplary purity and neatness—or the delicious "Oh! Leave me not to pine alone," in which her soft, delicate tones were a delight to hear. In this—one of Sullivan's happiest inspirations—the expressive delicacy of her singing was hardly matched by Mr. D. M. Richards, the Frederic of the cast. Mr. Richards, who, as it said at once, was word perfect, gave me the impression that he was too conscious of his audience. As the Pirate King, Mr. R. M. Keown was far more comfortable when singing. His rendering of "Oh, better far to live and die" was all that the most ardent Savoyard could wish for. I have not seen Mrs. Katt before. I sincerely hope that I shall see—and, incidentally, hear her again. As Ruth, the Pirate Maid-of-all-work, this artiste was most appropriately cast. I notice that a morning contemporary has described this as being "superb,"—I agree.

### Clever Acting.

Engr.-Lieut. A. S. Bedells gave a first rate impression of the Sergeant of Police. As a matter of fact, in my humble opinion, this was the cleverest piece of work of the whole performance. Lieut. Bedells reminded me very much of Leo Sheffield, who plays the part in the D'Oyly Carte Company. This, of course, is not a long part. Perhaps it can scarcely be called a big part. Nevertheless, it is a by-no-means easy part. It is certainly a part which can very easily be overdone. The work

"When a felon's not engaged in his employment" brought down the house.

I have already referred to the work of the chorus. With regard to the minor principals, it may be said with little fear of contradiction, that each played his or her part in a manner which did much to complete this very satisfactory stage picture.

### The Orchestra.

Let me add that Mr. W. R. Fleming's conducting was beyond approach. Under his very sure and sympathetic guidance the orchestra playing combined delicacy and vivacity in a style that proved rarely exhilarating, and gave an added feeling of freshness to the music at every turn.

This is a show to see. —H.

### Dramatis Personae.

Major-General Stanley, Mr. A. J. Brock.

The Pirate King, Mr. R. M. Keown.

Frederic (his apprentice), Mr. D. M. Richards.

Samuel (his Lieutenant), Mr. R. S. W. Paterson.

Sergeant of Police, Engr.-Lieut. A. S. Bedells, R.N.

Mabel (General Stanley's daughter), Mrs. A. M. Bowes-Smith.

Edith (General Stanley's daughter), Mrs. W. R. Fleming.

Kate (General Stanley's daughter), Miss D. Puncheon.

Isabel (General Stanley's daughter), Miss V. M. Jefford.

Ruth (Pirate Maid-of-all-work), Mrs. G. Watt.

### The Chorus.

The chorus consists of Messrs. Alabaster, Carr, Clark, Cornbury, Farmer, Greenway, Hayward, Hooper, Horder, Hollidge, Hurst, Millard, Millgate, Marcel, Strange, Wallace, Misses Aris, Cole, Dunn, McClay, Razavet, Shaw, Spanton, Stuart, and Stubbings and Messrs. Altmann-Ward, Baldwin, Barnes, Bennett, Best, Brown, Hargreaves, Brown, Bray, Harmon, Halward, Harvey, Honre, Jefford, Jeffreys, Pethick, Provan, Rycroft, Rushton, Spencelayh, Sutherland, Taylor, R. D. Thomas, E. C. Thomas, Thompson and Westlake.

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The Court convicted the defendant and passed sentence of eighteen months' hard labour.

The scenery, designed by Mr. R. S. W. Paterson, and painted by Mr. Chan Sif-fung, and the stage lighting effects by Messrs. Colb and Derrick are all that could be desired. The same can also be said of the men's costume by Burkinshaw (Liverpool), Ah Men and Hing Cheong, and ladies' dresses by Ah Hung and the Pioneer Silk Store.

TOO WELL-DRESSED.

ROBBERS FAIL TO PASS  
AS WORKMEN.

Sentence of eighteen months' hard labour was imposed on a "boy" employed at Repulse Bay Hotel who was convicted at the Kowloon Magistrate yesterday of having been in unlawful possession of a dagger.

Evidence was given by a Chinese detective who seized the defendant as he rushed from a house in company with three other men. The "dagger" found in his possession consisted of a sharpened three-cornered file.

The woman of the house said that when asked his business he replied that he had come to white-wash the house. As he was too well dressed to be a workman witness became alarmed. She accused him of being a robber and, rushing to the back door, gave the alarm.

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